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C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 1959

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SREF, VS, SN

SUBJ: VN REFUGEE SHIPS DEPART SINGAPORE

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1. STRAITS TIMES, QUOTING MINDEF SPOKESMAN, SAID THAT 3,398 REFUGEES WILL DEPART SINGAPORE ON SIX OCEAN-GOING SHIPS MAY 10. THERE IS NO WORD ON DESTINATION BUT MOST ARE BELIEVED HEADED FOR SUBIC OR GUAM.

2. AS REPORTED REFTTEL, AN INITIAL 850 DEPARTED SINGAPORE ON FIVE VESSELS AFTERNOON OF MAY 9, DESTINATION ALSO UNKNOWN. OF 3,500 REMAINING REFUGEES, ALL BUT TWO SHIPLOADS AND BAPTIST ORPHANS ARE REPORTED TO BE SCHEDULED FOR MAY 11 SAILING. THIS WILL PUT APPROXIMATELY 6,600 REFUGEES ON ABOUT 35 VESSELS ON HIGH SEAS.

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3. PRIOR TO DEPARTURE, GOS TRANSFERRED REFUGEES TO MORE SEA WORTHY VESSELS AND SUPPLIED SHIPS WITH 124 TONS OF RICE AND OTHER FOODS, WATER AND FUEL IN UNKNOWN QUANTITIES. AT REQUEST OF ONE SHIP'S MASTER, SAF COMMANDO UNIT DISARMED MUTINOUS ARVN SOLDIERS ON ONE VESSEL AND COLLECTED ABOUT TWO PLATOONS WORTH OF ARMS AND AMMUNITIONS.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY/NAVATT UNABLE TO REACH REGULAR SOURCES AND CONTACTS TO CONFIRM INFORMATION REPORTED ABOVE OR TO CLARIFY WHERE SHIPS HEADED. CONTRAST WITH NORMAL CLOSE AND FRIENDLY WORKING RELATIONSHIP IS VERY MARKED INDEED. CRONK

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